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The 4th in Holbrook—A Brief Resume of the Day's Doings

The Fourth of July, 1907, at Holbrook will be pleasantly remembered as a holiday of quiet enjoyment for both young and old. Holbrook did her best to entertain the out of town visitors and to make them feel that they were welcome. Early in the day most of the business houses closed their doors and all joined the jolly crowd that were gathered in and about the court house where the festivities of the day were to be held.

At shortly after ten in the morning there gathered in the tastefully decorated court room a goodly assemblage of people to listen to the short program that had been arranged. After the invocation offered by Hon. Joseph Fish, Hon. F. M. Zuck, who presided as chairman, made a few appropriate introductory remarks at the conclusion of which he introduced Thorwald Larson, the speaker of the day. Mr. Larson held the close attention of his hearers for nearly an hour with a thoughtful and masterly address in which he outlined and compared the personal liberties and rights of an American citizen of today as against the uncertain privileges accorded him when he was a subject of a king or of some other monarchical form of government,—when his rights depended largely upon the caprice of the king or ruling sovereign—of those dark days of the suppression of human liberty, when it was sufficient that one accused by some favorite of the king could be imprisoned or mysteriously made way with without fair investigation or trial as to his innocence or guilt. The lack of space forbids any but a brief mention of the salient points of the speech and we will only say that in conclusion the speaker quoted eloquent tributes to the flag of our nation from the pens of some of its gifted sons—the flag that was at that moment lazily flapping in the soft summer breeze over the heads of that gathering of its devoted sons and daughters. The indoor exercises were closed by the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The committee on the barbecue

announced that lunch was to be served shortly. It was generally conceded by everyone that this committee surely delivered the goods. The fragrant and smoking hot slices of tender and juicy young barbecued beef served "Al a sandwich" was enough to tempt the palate of an epicure. There was plenty for everyone, including a large bunch of Bucks and Copper Queens from the Navajo reservation.

The afternoon was taken up with races. Bud Howell easily won the first race and purse of \$75 with Dick Greer's "Old Blue" taking second money, \$25. Mr. Greer matched a race with the Shumway horse winning a \$40 purse with his black horse. Other smaller races followed in which the Navajos figured in the start but were not in it at the finish.

About dusk of this eventful day Capt. Art Lindsey, armed with a brace of 70-70 caliber Roman candles, sallied forth and attacked a band of a dozen mounted Navajos in the street in front of Mr. Hess' arsenal of fireworks. Everything went well with the captain until the retreating Navajos discovered that no more fire balls were coming out of his guns, then they wheeled and charged him and were about to ride him down when Lieut. Sharp came to his rescue with more hot ammunition. After a lively skirmish in which the honors were about even, the savages withdrew to hold a council of war and to count their burnt spots, which were numerous. A truce was established however and the contest was declared a draw.

The day's celebration closed with a grand ball in the evening which was one of the gayest and most enjoyable affairs of the kind ever had here.

The committee on decoration especially deserve credit for the tasteful and effective manner in which they did their part.

Quite a bunch of Adamana folks came here to spend the Fourth among whom were Lee Newman, wife and children, Mrs. Adam Hanna and Jas. Donohoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess with their infant daughter have returned here after a long visit at the old home in Ohio.

Little Boy Drowned at Woodruff

A very sad accident which resulted in the drowning of Jonathan, the six years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of Woodruff, occurred at that place last Monday. It seems that the mother of the children was sewing near by and the children were wading and playing in the stream as was often their custom. The mother suddenly hearing a splash and a cry saw to her horror that the little fellow had ventured too near a deep hole that was in the stream just below the dam and had slipped and fallen into the deep water. The mother instantly sprang in after her child but the water being very deep and the bank steep and slippery she was unable to keep either herself or the child from sinking. The half drowned child grasped its mother about the neck and they both went under, the little boy's hold becoming loosened he sank

for the last time and was not found for half an hour afterward. In the meantime Mr. Jackson and some men arrived just in time to save Mrs. Jackson, who was in an insensible condition when rescued. The mother recovered after awhile only to find that her little boy was dead. The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of all in their sad affliction.

Quite a number of students from Snowflake and St. Johns boarded the train here last Saturday enroute to Flagstaff where they are to attend the session of summer school to be held at the Normal School there commencing Monday July 8th. Among the number were Miss Helen Udall, Mr. and Mrs. Overson, Mrs. Mathews and Silas Fish.

Hon. Jon. T. Hogue, of Apache County, was a passenger on the outgoing stage for St. Johns last Sunday. Mr. Hogue had just returned from Winslow where

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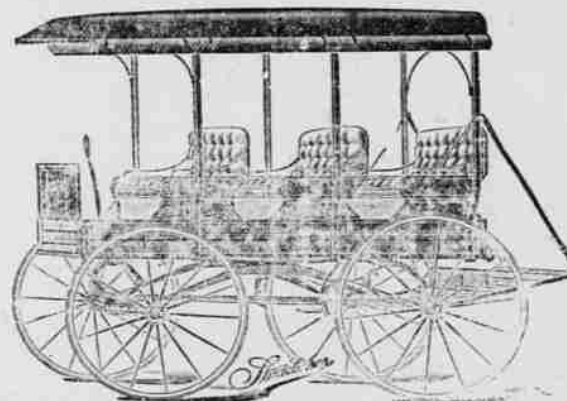
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